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ATTENTION: MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Inventors: **Leslie Snyder**For: **CONstriction DEVICE INCLUDING REINFORCED SUTURE HOLES**

(X) This is a continuation application based on prior U.S. Patent Application having Serial No. 09/969949, and filed on October 2, 2001, the entire contents of which is incorporated herein by reference.

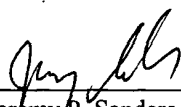
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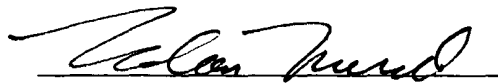
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